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SUBJECT: RON PETERSON

DOTA NO. 375-TT

PASS TO RON PETERSON. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH  
IS BEING AIRMAILED TO YOU TODAY:

DEAR MR. PETERSON:

IN THE PAST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN AN ESCALATION OF PROBLEMS  
IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS ADMINI-  
STERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. THESE CONCERNs ARE  
OF PRIORITY IMPORTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO CON-  
GRESSIONAL COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS.  
THE SECRETARY HAS, THEREFORE, EMPHASIZED THE DEPARTMENT'S  
RESPONSIBILITY IN TERRITORIAL MATTERS IN SUCH AREAS AS:  
MANAGEMENT INNOVATIONS CONCERNING PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES  
AND PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY PECULIAR TO THE TERRITORIES  
AS WELL AS CONTRACTING OVERVIEW AND POLICIES RELATING TO

SETTLEMENT OF WAR CLAIMS. SEVERAL NEW POSITIONS HAVE  
BEEN AUTHORIZED WITHIN THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS TO  
PROVIDE THE NEEDED EXPERTISE IN THESE AND OTHER HIGH  
PRIORITY AREAS.

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SECRETARY KLEPPE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO FILL THESE IMPORTANT POSITIONS WITH EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE THE NECESSARY COMPETENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE SPECIALIZED FIELDS AND WHO HAVE AN IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF TERRITORIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF YOUR EXTENSIVE ON-SITE EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND IN TERRITORIAL MATTERS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT YOU WILL BE REASSIGNED AS ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR (SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS), GS-15, 35,485 DOLS PER ANNUM, OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, D.C., EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 21, 1975. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION FOR YOU AND YOUR DEPENDENTS AND FOR THE SHIPMENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU JOIN THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS ON THE ABOVE DATE. THE TALENTS AND ABILITIES WHICH YOU WILL BRING TO THIS POSITION WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND WILL ENHANCE ITS EFFICIENCY IN TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

(SGD.) JAMES T. CLARK  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY -  
MANAGEMENT

END OF TEXT OF LETTER.

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